

# Modena girl gets over \$4.2 million for injuries

**KINGSTON** — An 11-year-old Modena girl received over \$4 million in a settlement of a civil suit stemming from an accident in September 2001 in which her leg was run over by a truck.

The girl, whose name was not released by her lawyer, received a settlement package on Wednesday in Ulster County Supreme Court worth

\$4,223,298, according to attorney Joseph O'Connor of Kingston law firm Mainetti, Mainetti and O'Connor. O'Connor said part of the settlement will be paid to the child over the entirety of her life, while another portion of the settlement will see to her immediate needs.

The accident occurred on Sept. 26, 2001, when an oil truck owned by C.M. Appler &

Sons of Milton ran over the girl's right leg and tore most of the skin off from her knee to her ankle while she was in a driveway near her grandparents' home, O'Connor said. He said the truck had pulled into the driveway and had not seen the then 9-year-old girl.

The girl was taken to Westchester Medical Center where she remained for 21 days, O'Connor

said. He said the skin was replaced with a skin graft from her thigh but the child was left with a scar and damage to the muscle tissue in her calf. He added that a plastic surgeon in Albany determined nothing further could be done without risk.

The attorneys for the business, Hanlon, Veloce and Wilkinson of Albany, declined to comment on the settlement.